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PATENT APPLICATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is responsive to the Office action mailed January 27, 1999. No fee is due.

Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Title

Delete the title and insert therefor, --DIGITALLY CERTIFYING  
A USER IDENTITY AND A COMPUTER SYSTEM IN COMBINATION--.